

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.–2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A hand saw, comprising:

a handle including a hand grip portion and first and second blade mounting portions, said first blade mounting portion being disposed on a side surface of said handle and said second blade mounting portion being disposed on a bottom surface of said handle; and

a blade adapted to be removably mounted to either of said first and second blade mounting portions,

wherein said handle is a single, integrally formed member,

wherein said first and second blade mounting portions each include a screw boss for receiving a blade mounting screw therein, and

wherein said first and second blade mounting portions each include a key adapted to be received in an end slot in said blade to secure said blade in both lengthwise and widthwise directions of said blade.

4. (Currently Amended) A hand saw, comprising:

a handle including a hand grip portion and first and second blade mounting portions, said first blade mounting portion being disposed on a side surface of said handle and said second blade mounting portion being disposed on a bottom surface of said handle, each of said first and second blade mounting portions including a screw boss;

a blade removably mounted to one of said first and second blade mounting portions; and

a blade mounting screw removably engaged with said screw boss of said one of said first and second blade mounting portions so as to couple said blade to said handle,

wherein said handle is a single, integrally formed member, and

wherein said first and second blade mounting portions each include a key adapted to be received in an end slot in said blade to secure said blade in both lengthwise and widthwise directions of said blade.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The hand saw according to claim 3, wherein said handle includes a hook member for hanging said hand saw.

7.-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A hand saw comprising:

a handle including a hand grip portion and first and second blade mounting portions, said hand grip portion defining an inner surface, said first blade mounting portion being disposed on a side surface of said handle and said second blade mounting portion being disposed on a bottom surface of said handle; and

a blade removably mounted to one of said first and second blade mounting portions and extending in a first direction away from said handle,

wherein said inner surface of said hand grip portion is sloped toward said blade so as to be oriented at an acute angle relative to said ~~first direction~~ second blade mounting portion, and

wherein said first and second blade mounting portions each include a key adapted to be received in an end slot in said blade.

24. (Previously Presented) The hand saw according to claim 4, wherein said blade is secured relative to said handle in each of a lengthwise direction of said blade, a widthwise direction of said blade, and a depthwise direction of said blade by a positive engagement of said blade with one or more of said handle and said blade mounting screw.

25. (Previously Presented) The hand saw according to claim 24, wherein said handle includes a hook member for hanging said hand saw.